

Amendments To the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1. (currently amended) An Exchange centre with comprising:
a first platform; and
a second ~~an additional~~ platform; based on commercial HW and SW and the second
platform containing one or more SW modules that provide external computers with applications with specific functions via open interfaces (API), ~~in which case said the~~ SW modules; using
internal interfaces to the call control functions of the exchange centre for execution of ~~said the~~
~~functions; use internal interfaces to the call control functions of the exchange centre.~~
2. (currently amended) An Exchange centre according to Claim 1, characterized in that said
wherein the open interfaces are realized on the basis of an object-oriented SW technology.
3. (currently amended) An Exchange according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that
said wherein the open interfaces can also be used locally by applications on the commercial platform to make use of functions of other applications.
4. (currently amended) An Exchange according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 3~~, characterized in that
wherein a dedicated SW module supports the interworking of ~~said the~~ applications on the commercial platform. The interworking SW module provides a platform-internal interface for this purpose.
5. (currently amended) An Exchange according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 4~~, characterized in that
wherein the said applications involve protocol conversion applications.
6. (currently amended) An Exchange according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 4~~, characterized in that
wherein the said applications involve applications for a higher-level service functionality.

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7. (new) An exchange according to Claim 2, wherein the open interfaces can also be used locally by applications on the commercial platform to make use of functions of other applications.

8. (new) An exchange according to Claim 2, wherein a dedicated SW module supports the interworking of the applications on the commercial platform. The interworking SW module provides a platform-internal interface for this purpose.

9. (new) An exchange according to Claim 3, wherein a dedicated SW module supports the interworking of the applications on the commercial platform. The interworking SW module provides a platform-internal interface for this purpose.

10. (new) An exchange according to Claim 2, wherein the said applications involve protocol conversion applications.

11. (new) An exchange according to Claim 3, wherein the said applications involve protocol conversion applications.

12. (new) An exchange according to Claim 4, wherein the said applications involve protocol conversion applications.

13. (new) An exchange according to Claim 2, wherein the said applications involve applications for a higher-level service functionality.

14. (new) An exchange according to Claim 3, wherein the said applications involve applications for a higher-level service functionality.

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15. (new) An exchange according to Claim 4, wherein the said applications involve applications for a higher-level service functionality.

16. (new) An exchange centre with an additional platform, based on commercial HW and SW and containing one or more SW modules that provide external computers with applications with specific functions via open interfaces (API), in which case said SW modules, for execution of said functions, use internal interfaces to the call control functions of the exchange centre.